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DECLARATION AND WISEMEN COMMISSION

REF: STATE 154969

1. WE HAVE LITTLE VIEWS ON "WISEMEN COMMISSION" EXCEPT THAT ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ANSER DE LEON, IS NOW ON BOARD, AND, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, IS AWAITING DG'S DECISION ON A COMMISSION CHAIRMAN. DE LEON CONFIRMED THAT SUBSTANTIVE STRUCTURE WILL CONFORM TO SECRETARIAT'S JANUARY PROPOSAL, WHICH APPARENTLY WAS "TIGHTENED-UP" IN A MARCH REVISION THAT WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET A COPY OF. JUDGING FROM HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY INNOVATIONS OR SURPRISES. AS TO A FIRST MEETING, HE COULD ONLY GUESS THAT IT MIGHT BE CONVENED SOMETIME LATE IN SEPTEMBER, OR OCTOBER, AND THAT THE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE REGIONALLY BASED.

2. CONTRARY TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD ELSEWHERE, DE LEON SAID THAT THE DG HAS NOT APPROACHED ANYONE ELSE TO

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CHAIR THE GROUP SINCE PALME LAST DECLINED, BUT THAT THE DG HAS PROMISED HIS A DECISION SOMETIME DURING AUGUST ON A CHAIRMAN SO THAT A TIMETABLE CAN BE PREPARED. DE LEON DID SAY THAT THE SECRETARIAT TO THE WISEMEN'S COMMISSION WOULD TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ALSO BE REGIONALLY BASED, AND THAT IF NEED BE, EXPERTS WOULD BE BROUGHT IN FROM OUTSIDE SECRETARIAT TO SERVE. HE DOUBTED THAT THE

COMMISSION SECRETARIAT WOULD AT ANY TIME BECOME LARGER
THAN THE SEVEN MEMBERS WHICH HAD SERVED THE FAURE
COMMISSION ON "LEARNING TO BE".

3. WE HAVE NOTHING NEW ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION.

4. PERMDEL THANKS DEPARTMENT FOR POINTS AND GUIDANCE
PER REFTEL. WE WILL RESPOND TO THESE IN DETAIL AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO
TDY ABSENCE OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR MASS MEDIA FROM
JULY 18-25. AFTER THAT WE WILL SOUND OUT SECRETARIAT
ON BEST TIME FOR HARTLEY VISIT, THOUGH AUGUST IS THE
TRADITIONAL PARIS VACATION MONTH, AND IN SEPTEMBER WE
MOVE INTO THE 103RD EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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